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Minutes Of March 12, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, in Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:31 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator Van Woerkom – Excused
Senator Cassis – Present
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Gleason – Present

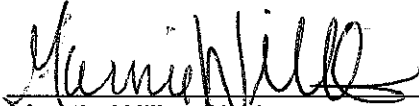
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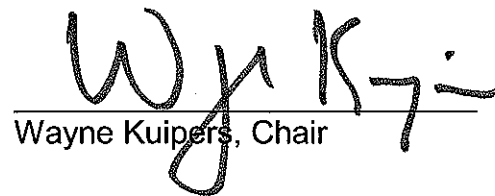
- Approve minutes from February 19, 2009.
Motion by Senator Whitmer to approve the minutes from February 19, 2009, was supported by Senator Gleason.
- A record roll call was ordered as follows:

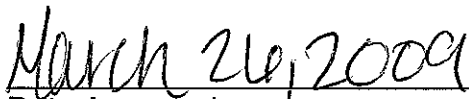
Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator Van Woerkom – Excused
Senator Cassis – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Gleason – Yes
- Presentation of Skills USA by Brindley Byrd, Executive Director of Capital Area Construction Council.
- Bill Millett, President and Founder of Scope View Strategic Advantage gave a presentation emphasizing early education and North Carolina's Smart Start Program.

- Senator Kuipers opened up testimony on Senate Bill 255.
 1. Chuck Agerstrand, representing the Michigan Education Association, spoke to the committee on the bill and was available for questions. The MEA supports Senate Bill 255.
 2. Susan Meston, Superintendent of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District, spoke briefly and is opposed to Senate Bill 255.
 3. Steve Goff, a teacher at Meridian High School and member of Meridian Education Association, spoke and is neutral to Senate Bill 255.
 4. Kathy Tober and Alan Sonnanstine, representing the Department of Management and Budget Office of Retirement Service, did not wish to speak but is opposed to Senate Bill 255.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 4:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marrie Wills, Clerk


Wayne Kuipers, Chair


Date Approved